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HEADS HOTEL... John V. Landes has assumed position as manager of the new San Pedro Hacienda. A veteran of more than 30 years in the hotel business, Landes has been associated with some of the Southland's leading hotels. He served in the Pacific during World War II.



WITH AIR FORCE... Airman Basic Douglas R. Hendricks, son of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Hendricks, of 16430 Taylor Ct., is currently taking Air Force Basic Training at Parks Air Force Base. A graduate of Torrance High School, he entered the service in December, 1954.

'Success Story' Crew to Visit National Supply

Friday "Success Story" viewers have a look inside the largest completely integrated machinery plant in the West—that of National Supply Co. in Torrance.

This huge concern manufactures a wide variety of machinery, including oil field equipment used throughout the world, and machines which are vital to such basic industries as steel, aluminum, mining, cement, ordnance, and aviation.

The telecast will show how special steels are made, formed into ingots, then forged, machined and worked into such varied items as a cannon barrel, a ship's rudder, or giant shafts for oil drilling equipment.

Narrative description of the tour is handled by John Milton Kennedy. Ken Peters is emcee.

Use of Gas Claims Two New Records

Increased use of gas by householders and commercial customers this past winter contributed to three new all time records in quantities of gas delivered, Division Manager E. F. Hawkesworth of the Southern California Gas Company announced this week.

This record gas usage was due to continued low temperature during much of the winter," Hawkesworth said. "This meant that larger quantities of heating gas were required for personal comfort."

The average customer (domestic and commercial) in Southwest Division used 27.5 per cent more gas this February than during the corresponding month last year because of the unusually cold weather. This means that, on the average, each customer used 2637 cubic feet more gas this February than last.

This increased use of gas closely follows a comparable decrease in average temperatures of the two years, it was pointed out.

On each of two days—Dec. 27, 1954 and Feb. 2, 1955—the gas company and one affiliate delivered the largest amount of gas ever used in Southern California during a 24-hour period. Deliveries amounted to approximately one and two-thirds billion cubic feet on both days.

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THE EASTER STORY... Ed Neubaum and Donna Meier preview the Easter Story, which will be presented with puppets, at the Torrance Band Shell at 1 p.m. Sunday. Presented by the McMaster Park Play Crafters, the show will show several phases of the Easter story. Shown here is the angel (right) telling the two Marys, "He is risen!"

Hiring with No Exam Hit By Benstead

City Manager George Stevens proposal to employ a park maintenance man without a civil service exam came under fire from Councilman Victor E. Benstead Tuesday night.

Although the County Civil Service Commission has been handling city exams on a contract basis, it recently said it will not hold exams unless vacancies exist.

"I think it's about time for us to get another agency to conduct civil service examinations. It is not fair for persons applying for civil service posts to compete with other persons who are already on the job."

Eligible lists should be established before vacancies occur, to prevent delay in filling posts, he said. Councilman Willys G. Blount backed Benstead's stand on the matter.

Stevens indicated that several possibilities for a new examining agency are being studied.

Enrollment In Schools Jumps 2600

School enrollment during the past year has climbed about 2600 pupils, the Torrance Board of Education was told Tuesday night.

Enrollment figures on March 15 showed 12,319 pupils, compared with 9712 a year earlier. Torrance High School now has 1878 students compared with 1538 last year. Seaside School continues as the largest elementary school, with 917 pupils, while the newest unit, Hillside, is smallest with 433.

In anticipation of next year's needs, 24 new teachers were hired by the board Tuesday night.

Figures presented to the board showed that in September, the school district will have 277 elementary and 89 high school classrooms, with an additional 337 elementary and 46 high school classrooms needed by 1960, with an estimated cost of \$14,000,000.

Voters will decide June 7 whether the school district should have an additional \$10,000,000 in bonds to build new schools.

At the same time, the board voted to authorize the sale of \$1,600,000 in bonds, voted at the last bond election.

Father of Five Facing Charges

In jail facing a charge of statutory rape is a 26-year-old Harbor City father of five who was arrested by San Pedro police after his wife reported that she had caught him in bed with the couple's teen-age babysitter.

Facing possible arraignment today is Herbert Hoover Robinson, of 25652 Marigold Ave.

Police who have been investigating the matter said the 16-year-old girl had moved in with Robinson and his wife, Beverly, several weeks ago after expressing dissatisfaction with living at home. She had served the Robinsons as a baby sitter in return for their offer to keep her, police said.

Mrs. Robinson called police this week saying she had found her husband in bed with the teenager.

The girl had been taken into protective custody and is now being held in Juvenile Hall. She told officers that she had been intimate with Robinson about 12 times.

Robinson has denied the allegations.

Auto Crash After Chase Hurts Youth

A 15-year-old Torrance boy reported missing by his parents was seriously injured in Van Nuys Tuesday, when a car in which he was riding crashed into a telephone pole.

Gary Neal Maddox, of 123 Via Sego, was a passenger in a car driven by Philip A. Hinds, 14, of San Gabriel.

Service station attendant W. C. Perona said the pair got gas in his station and drove off without paying. He chased the car at speeds "up to 80 miles an hour," he said, when the boys smashed into the phone pole.

Police said the 1955 model car was reported stolen from Hermosa Beach.

Maddox received a compound fracture of the left leg, while Hinds had a broken leg. They were taken to Queen of Angels Hospital.

Maddox told police he ran away from home a week ago, and that he and Hinds were planning to go to Canada.

Lunch Patio Bid Gets OK

A low bid of \$60,052 for construction of a lunch patio at Riviera School was approved Tuesday night by the Torrance School Board.

The Mayfair Construction Co. was the lowest of four bidders for the lunch patio and grading and paving of part of the playground area.

At the same time, the board approved a bid of \$28,060 from the Acme Sprinkler Co. for installation of a sprinkler system at North Torrance High School.

Also approved were bids for various other equipment needed for the new high school: Athletic field equipment, \$15,300; musical instruments, \$6121; machine shop tools, \$1581; wood shop tools, \$1062; drafting supplies, \$567; athletic equipment, \$4428; furniture, \$5397; sewing machines, \$1132; cutting and sewing tables, \$783; mimeograph and duplicators, \$667; and health and teacher's room furniture, \$1010.

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